HOUSE No. 2018

By Ms. Gobi of Spencer, petition of Anne M. Gobi and Robert L. Hedlund relative to protective headgear while operating or riding as a passenger on a motorcycle. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Anne M. Gobi

Robert L. Hedlund

Robert F. Fennell

William G. Greene, Jr.

Stephen M. Brewer

David M. Torrisi

Todd M. Smola

Mark J. Carron

Susan C. Fargo

Thomas M. Stanley

John W. Scibak

Steven A. Baddour

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE MOTORCYCLE HELMET LAW.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 7 of chapter 90, as appearing in the 1998
- 2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the out the entire
- 3 sentence beginning with the word "Every" in line 141 and ending
- 4 with the words "head gear" in line 147.
- 1 SECTION 2. Section 7 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as
- 2 so appearing, is hereby amended by adding at the end of said
- 3 section the following new paragraph:—
- 4 Every person operating a motorcycle or riding as a passenger
- 5 on a motorcycle or in a sidecar attached to a motorcycle who is
- 6 under the age of twenty-one years of age must wear protective
- 7 headgear conforming with such minimum standards and construc-
- 8 tion as the Registrar may prescribe, and no person operating a
- 9 motorcycle shall permit any other person under the age of twenty-
- 10 one years of age to ride as a passenger on such motorcycle unless
- 11 said passenger is wearing protective headgear.

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